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TAGS: OEXC, SF (KOTANE, S. S.)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

REF: PRETORIA 5498

1. INFO REQUESTED REFTEL AS FOLLOWS. KOTANE'S ACADEMIC ADVISOR STATES HE HAS DONE VERY WELL AND COMPLETED MASTERS PROGRAM WITH 3.5 (B'S) GRADE POINT AVERAGE. ALTHOUGH HE TENDS TO LACK SELF-CONFIDENCE, HIS PROFESSORS BELIEVE HE HAS ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN PH.D. PROGRAM. DEPT. OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES NOT PRESENTLY IN POSITION TO UNCONDITIONALLY ADMIT HIM TO PH.D. PROGRAM SINCE HE MUST FIRST PASS QUALIFYING EXAMS IN JANUARY. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, HE WILL ENCOUNTER ANY DIFFICULTY IN THIS REGARD.

2. UNIV. ESTIMATES 2 AND ONE-HALF TO 3 AND ONE-HALF YEARS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO COMPLETE PH.D., WORKING EXCLUSIVELY ON DISSERTATION. NO FURTHER COURSE WORK IS REQUIRED AND UNIV. CONSIDERS ENGLISH ACCEPTABLE TO MEET FOREIGN LANGUAGE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN.

3. KOTANE CURRENTLY HAS PART-TIME RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP FOR RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS THAT PAYS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 2 PER HOUR OR DOLS 100 PER MONTH. SEVERAL LOCAL CHURCHES ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING SOUTH AFRICAN
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STUDENTS AND KOTANE COULD POSSIBLY RECEIVE SEVERAL

HUNDRED DOLLARS PER YEAR SCHOLARSHIP WITHOUT OBLIGATION. HE IS ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR U. OF DENVER FELLOWSHIP FOR PH.D. RESEARCH IN 1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR IF APPLIES BY MARCH 15. THIS DOLS 5,000 FELLOWSHIP WOULD COVER TUITION AND PROVIDE MAINTENANCE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1,725 PLUS A TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH DISSERTATION. COSTS FOR HIS PH.D. PROGRAM WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS. TUITION IS DOLS 75 PER CREDIT HOUR AND HE WILL REQUIRE 45 HOURS OR TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 3,375. MAINTENANCE IS DOLS 376 PER MONTH AND BOOKS ARE DOLS 140 PER YEAR.

4. STUDENT'S OBJECTIVE IS TO TEACH AND DO RESEARCH ON UNIV. LEVEL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

5. SINCE KOTANE DID NOT WRITE A MASTERS THESIS, U. OF DENVER NOT CERTAIN OF DISSERTATION TOPIC BUT IT WILL BE RELATED TO SOUTH AFRICA IN ANY CASE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF POST WISHES KOTANE TO RETURN HOME NOW WITH CU PROVIDED TICKET AS APPROVED IN REFTEL OR IF POST WISHES FUND HIM FOR PH.D. PROGRAM. IF LATTER, PLEASE ADVISE HOW DEPARTMENT SHOULD PROCEED. KISSINGER

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